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TITLE: (RELOCATION OF ENGINEERING LAB)

PROBLEM

To approve relocation of the engineering laboratory of the Office of Communications and funds needed to effect the change.

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

The space presently occupied by O/C in Rosslyn [REDACTED] is inadequate and any expansion of the engineering research laboratory function is not practical. The Agency lease on that building will expire 30 June 1953. The present annual costs at the Rosslyn site (guards and rent) amount to \$55,274 and present indications are that this figure may increase by some \$5,000 for higher rent as from 1 July 1953. Relocation of the Communications laboratory should be on a permanent basis in view of the special facilities required. There are no buildings or land directly controlled by the Agency in the Washington metropolitan area suitable and available for relocation of the laboratory. However, the Agency owns sufficient land in [REDACTED] to permit construction of an adequate laboratory and fabrication building. It is estimated that the cost of construction of facilities for relocation of the O/C laboratory in [REDACTED] would amount to \$ 245,000.

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ACTION

At its meeting on 20 May 1953, the Project Review Committee agreed in principle to the relocation of the Communications laboratory in [REDACTED] and agreed that data not then available should be furnished to the Deputy Director (Administration) and, if he were satisfied with the facts supplied, the proposal then could be referred to the Director without further consideration by the Committee.

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Director approve the relocation in [REDACTED] of the engineering laboratory of the Office of Communications and approve up to \$245,000 from Fiscal Year 1953 funds for the new construction and transfer.

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APPROVED: ~~DISAPPROVED:~~

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Director of Central Intelligence

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